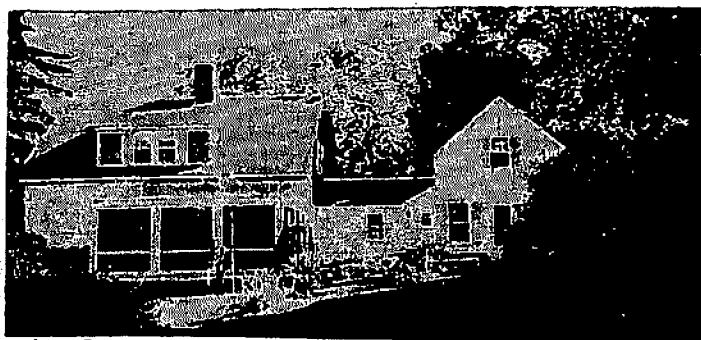
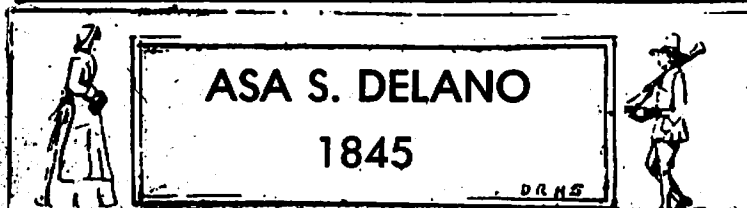


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Asa Sampson Delano bought a lot from his father, plain Asa Delano, in 1845 and on it he built his house. That made another Delano in an area already teeming with that family, 5 related families all in a small area around the Bow, West, Tremont Streets triangle.

It is a simple story and a half building with the gable end to the street, much like others around it, but there are so many distinctive features that one wonders if Asa, a housewright, perhaps was responsible for them. His shop is now one of the out-buildings and the inventory of his estate shows a good set of tools.

The front hall is highly individual with its lovely stairway hugging the wall in a curved turn, and the front door had someone's particular attention. The sidelights are full of tiny squares of old glass set in an odd pattern. The rooms are small, clustering around a central chimney, yet the kitchen is an ell with its own chimney with huge fireplace, brick oven and kettle for heating water. There are fine wide boards and nice wainscoting, some alterations that came about over the years but they were done with respect for the old architecture. It retains the feeling of simpler days when Abby Delano cooked over an open fire and Asa drove his horsedrawn express wagon around town.

There have been surprisingly few owners since Asa Delano. In 1865 he sold to Isaiah Walker, who in 1885 (note the exact intervals) sold it to his son, Herbert Walker, who was principal of Partridge Academy for some years and later postmaster at Millbrook.

In 1953 Percy Walker, executor of Herbert's estate, sold to Helene Harley, the present owner, the house sitting back a bit from Tremont Street up against a knoll.

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